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den, Dr. Britton gave an account of the recent expeditions of Mr. L. J. K. Brace to Crooked Island, Acklin's Island, Long Cay (Fortune Island), and Andros, and of his own trip in February and March, in company with Dr. C. F. Millspaugh, to Eleuthera, Little San Salvador, Cat Island, Conception Island, Watling's Island, and Long Island. During the progress of this trip, Mrs. Britton explored the northern part of Eleuthera and did some collecting on New Providence. The greater portion of the archipelago has now been visited through the coöperation of the Field Museum of Natural History with the New York Botanical Garden, but the extreme southeastern islands, including Atwood Cay (Samana), Mariguana, and the Caicos Islands are as yet botanically unknown, and the central portion of the large island of Andros is a *terra incognita*. The small islands on the Cay Sal bank also remain unvisited. Dr. Britton exhibited specimens of many of the characteristic species and remarked on their distribution.

The Club adjourned until October 8, 1907.

C. STUART GAGER,  
*Secretary.*

#### NEWS ITEMS

Professor Charles E. Bessey will again be acting chancellor of the University of Nebraska for the four months this summer and autumn during which Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews will be on leave of absence in Europe.

Professor William Trelease, who has held the chair of botany in Washington University at St. Louis since 1885, was among those who received the degree of LL.D. at the recent commencement commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of that university.

It is stated in the *Botanical Gazette* that Dr. A. F. Blakeslee of Harvard University has been elected professor of botany in the Connecticut Agricultural College at Storrs, and that he will begin his duties the present year by acting as director of the summer school.

Mr. Charles Louis Pollard, recently botanical editor for the G.

& C. Merriam Company of Springfield, Mass., has been appointed curator of the Staten Island Association of Arts and Sciences, New Brighton, New York. The collections belonging to the Association are now stored in temporary quarters pending their removal to the new Richmond Borough Building, in which the museum is to be located.

Sir Dietrich Brandis, for many years inspector-general of forests to the government of India, died at Bonn, Germany, May 28, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. In addition to numerous reports on forestry matters, Brandis published in 1874 a work on the "Forest Flora of North-west and Central India" and in 1906 a large descriptive volume on "Indian Trees." In connection with his great work as "father of systematic forest management in the British Empire," he is credited with having had much influence in the establishment of an efficient forestry service in the United States.

Dr. Maxwell T. Masters, for more than forty years connected in an editorial capacity with the *Gardeners' Chronicle*, died at his home in Ealing, a suburb of London, on May 30. Dr. Masters' botanical interests were broad. Besides his numerous writings on topics relating to horticulture and gardening, he was the author of a standard work on "Vegetable Teratology," of "Botany for Beginners," of several papers on the taxonomy and morphology of the Coniferae, was editor of the second, third, and fourth editions of Henfrey's "Elementary Course of Botany," and was contributor of special parts to Martius' "Flora Brasiliensis" and to other important floras.